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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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SUBJ: TORRIJOS' TRAVELS

REF: PANAMA 5044

1. EMBOFF INFORMALLY RAISED SUBJECT OF TORRIJOS' VISIT TO CANADA WITH EXTAF LA DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR DEREK FRASER. HE CONFIRMED THAT TORRIJOS WAS COMING BUT IMMEDIATELY VOLUNTEERED THAT CANADA WAS TREATING OCCASION STRICTLY AS "PRIVATE VISIT" AND THAT GOC WILL NOT RPT NOT ENGAGE IN SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH PANAMANIAN. PRIME MINISTER HAS AGREED TO INVITE TORRIJOS FOR LUNCH ON JULY 28, BUT OTHER THAN THAT VISIT IS VIEWED AS ONE OF MANY OCCURRING DURING OLYMPIC PERIOD.

2. NEVERTHELESS, FRASER CONFIRMED THAT PANAMIANS MAY BE ANTICIPATING MORE SINCE THEIR MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING ARE ACCOMPANYING TORRIJOS. FRASER ALSO SAID PANAMANIAN HAVE ASSURED CANADIANS THAT THEY ARE "NOT AFTER ECONOMIC AID OR ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPROMISING DECLARATIONS." FRASER EXPECTED SOME

PRESSURE TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY IN PANAMA BUT DID NOT
SEE HOW THIS COULD OCCUR GIVEN GOC CURRENT AUSTERITY
DRIVE. ENDERS

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